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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

SECOM-D-309

4 August 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman

FROM: [REDACTED]
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Foreign Disclosure Policy (U)

- REFERENCES:
- A. Memorandum from Deputy Assistant Director for Security Services, DIA, dated 21 July 1980; Same Subject
 - B. Memorandum from DD/NFAC, dated 14 July 1980; Subject: Intelligence Release Policy - [REDACTED] 25X1A
 - C. Memorandum from DCI, dated 21 July 1980; Subject: Foreign Release of Intelligence on [REDACTED] 25X1A
 - D. Draft Memorandum from DD/NFAC; Subject: Intelligence Release Policy - [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. In reference A, the DIA Member to the DCI Security Committee challenges a recent action by the Chairman, Sanitization and Decompartmentation Working Group (SDWG), COMIREX in denying the release to [REDACTED] certain classified military information (CMI) in the 1980 CINCPAC briefing package prepared annually

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[redacted] Some of the CMI contained in the package is derived from satellite photography. The DIA Member to SECOM feels that this negative action represents a new disclosure policy which is limited in scope since it is addressed only to DIA and is non-inclusive since it applies only to the 1980 CINCPAC briefing package. Interpreting this action as a "partial" disclosure which can only lead to confusion among members of the Intelligence Community and potentially could lead to unauthorized disclosures, he requests that SECOM take under consideration the DIA objections to enable DIA to release the [redacted] data in the 1980 CINCPAC package to the Governments of the [redacted]. He has copied the other members of SECOM with his memorandum. (C/NF)

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2. Under DCID 1/11, SECOM has among its missions, i.e., paragraph 1c, the review and formulation of policies governing the release of intelligence to foreign governments through declassification or other action. With respect to foreign disclosure, SECOM is to ensure that releases are in consonance with United States security policy, should result in net advantage to the United States and that the intelligence itself is accorded a degree of protection equal to that afforded by the United States. Among its functions, under paragraph 2b, SECOM is to review, formulate and recommend to the DCI policies, standards and procedures for the dissemination of intelligence materials and for the release of such materials to foreign governments. (C/NF)

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3. [redacted] of the SECOM Staff explored this matter with [redacted] Chairman, SDWG/COMIREX who provided references B through D. (U)

4. It has been determined that the action which the DIA SECOM Member complains of was taken by the CIA Senior Intelligence Officer acting for the DCI. As explained in references B and C, the DCI is concerned that documents as the 80 CINCPAC package automatically continue to treat [redacted] under current National Disclosure Policy (NDP) as a "threat" at a time when [redacted] is less adventurous than formerly in foreign affairs with the result that the real threat from the [redacted] is unduly diminished in the consciousness of such Governments [redacted]

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[redacted] On 21 July 1980, the DCI expressed this concern to Secretary of State Muskie and to Dr. Brzezinski requesting their thoughts on how [redacted] intentions should be portrayed to third countries. The DCI also recommended to Secretary Muskie that he initiate a review of National Disclosure Policy to insure that it reflects current U.S. policy [redacted]. A similar draft letter to Secretary of Defense Brown is currently being coordinated for signature and release. (S/NF)

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5. It is recommended that you sign the attached memorandum to [redacted] which sets out the facts of this matter and advises him that it is not an issue for consideration by the DCI Security Committee.



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